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Dear Mr. Cobb:

Your letter of June 26 concerning information regarding the Robert F. Kennedy assassination is incomprehensible to me.

My initial request for information, now nearly nine months old, was addressed not to the Police Department but the the Board of Police Commissioners. As that board has made explicit and public commitments (concurrent in by the police), your reference to standard procedures in criminal investigations is inapposite. The October, 1983 letter to which you make reference was clearly premised on these commitments, which your response entirely ignores. Although you reply in the name of Mr. Gates, your letter flatly contradicts his specific assurances on the exact points at issues.

As my request was directed to the Police Commission, I wish to know who, if anyone, in that body you contacted before arriving at the views expressed in your letter. If no one, on what basis did you reply on that agency's behalf?

Your claim that "the Superior Court has ordered that the Department's files on the (assassination) investigation remain confidential" is absolutely unsupported by any information of which I am aware. Please provide documentation and/or citation to indicate the basis of this claim.

I am also perturbed by what has become a series of either uninformed or purposely deceptive responses from the Los Angeles officials to whom I have been referred on this matter. For example, your remarks contradict the assurance (three weeks previous) by Mr. Bonino of the Records and Identification Division that "the depth and complexity of the investigation has required special handling" and that two officers had been assigned to that task. I now wish to know what "investigation" has taken place, with what results.

In addition, I am surprised at the assertion that the City Attorney's office (which also concurred in the policy cited above) rendered the advice which you describe, particularly at any time preceding the assurances I have received that this matter was being actively pursued. Who in that office furnished this advice and when?

I urge you to inform yourself concerning the relevant background of this matter, and would appreciate an immediate effort to deal with the (simple and basic) questions in my initial October 1983 letter. I would also appreciate an early response to the specific inquiries posed herein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory Stone".

Gregory Stone